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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MILI, MOPS, UNSC, LE, PBOR, IS

SUBJECT: SOUTH LEBANON

1. TO ASSIST AMBASSADOR LEWIS IN GETTING A LITTLE SOMETHING FROM BEIRUT TO ASSIST WITH THE HADDAD PROBLEM, WE EXPLORED WITH AMBASSADOR PARKER IDEA OF HAVING THE LEBANESE SEND A MESSAGE THROUGH THEIR REGULAR CHANNEL TO HADDAD, INORDER TO ESTABLISH THE IMPRESSION THAT THE

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GOL NO LONGER CONSIDERED HIM A NON-PERSON. THERE IS NO CHANCE THAT LEBANESE GOVERNMENT WOULD ANNUL OR CHANGE THEIR PREVIOUS ORDERS DELIVERED TO HADDAD RELIEVING HIM FROM COMMAND, BUT A NEW MESSAGE MIGHT, FOR EXAMPLE, INSIST ON AN EXPLANATION FOR HIS ACTIONS FOR SHELLING THE LEBANESE ARMY UNIT.

2. PARKER TRIED OUT THIS IDEA ON BOUTROS WHO SAID THAT IT WOULD BE LIKE NEGOTIATING WITH HADDAD AND HE DID NOT WANT TO DO IT.

3. BOUTROS SAID TO PARKER GOL WAS CONTINUING ITS CONTACTS AND HAS NOT YET DECIDED WHAT POSITION TO TAKE ON OUR PRAGMATIC PROPOSAL.

4. BOUTROS IS INCREASINGLY CONCERNED BY EVIDENCE THAT

THERE IS WIDE DIVERGENCE BETWEEN WEIZMAN AND HIS SUBORDINATES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE AND IN THE FIELD. THE LATTER ARE DETERMINING HOW POLICY IS APPLIED AND ARE BEING VERY ARROGANT AND UNHELPFUL, BOUTROS SAID.

5. BOUTROS WANTS PARKER TO CALL ON HIM TOMORROW AT THE MINISTRY.

6. PER TELECONS, USUN IS URGING UN SECRETARIAT TO ISSUE ORDERS TO ERSKINE TO GO TO HADDAD WITH OR WITHOUT LEBANESE CONCURRENCE, AND NEGOTIATE UNILATERALLY THE ONWARD PASSAGE OF THE LEBANESE ARMY UNIT.

7. FOR AMBASSADOR LEWIS: IS THERE EVIDENCE THAT THE ISRAELIS IN THE FIELD HHO DEAL DIRECTLY WITH THE CHRISTIAN MILITIA AND HADDAD ARE NOT CARRYING OUT
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COMMAND DECISIONS AS FAITHFULLY AND AS DILIGENTLY AS THEY SHOULD? IF SO, WOULD IT BE FEASIBLE TO PROPOSE THAT WEIZMAN HIMSELF GO TO HADDAD? IT SEEMS TO US THERE MIGHT BE SOME WORTH IN GETTING WEIZMAN COMMITED IN THIS WAY TO FIND A SOLUTION, OR ONE OF HIS SUBORDINATES.
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